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Russian Hostility to Britain Growing Suffering at Halifax is Increased as Storm Intensifies Britain Refuses to Release Arrested Russians

Bolsheviki Demand That Their Newly Appointed Minister and Others be Freed From Internment Not Complied With--Fears Entertained For the Life of Ex-Mayor

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, Dec. 8.—A note from the British Government, refusing to release Thitcherin and Petroff, Russian citizens under arrest in England, the Petrograd correspondent of The Times says he understands was delivered at the Smolny Institute, the Bolsheviki headquarters on Thursday.

The correspondent adds that the uneasiness of British citizens in Russia is increasing daily and that the consulate in Petrograd, is crowded with persons asking protection and advice. Official protection, however, he says, counts for nothing as an attempt to exercise it probably will increase the danger.

Leon Trotzky, the Bolsheviki foreign minister, late last month demanded that the British release Tchitcherin and Petroff as well as others under arrest in England. Later it was announced in Petrograd that Tchitcherin had been appointed Russian ambassador to London.

STILL HOPE FOR REGENERATION

London, Dec. 8.—In reiterating his former statement that regenerative processes are going on in Russia, the Petrograd correspondent of The Morning Post says:

"The real Russia is silently and steadily working for reconstruction and the inevitable return to common sense, which we may hope is near at hand."

He adds that the Bolsheviki now are being challenged by an organization calling itself the Union of Anarchist Synicists.

TO REMOVE NICHOLAS

London, Dec. 8.—The guards surrounding Nicholas Romanoff, the former Russian emperor near Tobolsk, Siberia, have been disarmed by the Bolsheviki soldiers and sailors, according to advices received in Petrograd and forwarded by the Exchange Telegraph Company. The Bolsheviki leaders intend to remove Nicholas to some other place, fearing he might be lynched.

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WEATHER BULLETIN

Toronto, Dec. 8.—The disturbance which was near Sable Island yesterday, has moved across Newfoundland having caused gales with snow in the Maritime provinces and another important disturbance now over Kentucky is moving towards the New England States.

Forecast: Northeast, shifting to northwest gales, snow. Sunday, strong winds or gales from northwest and north, generally fair and very cold.

BOARD OF TRADE PROMISES AID TO VICTIMS OF HALIFAX DISASTER

Will Secure Subscriptions For Relief of Suffering Citizens—Urge Substantial Grant From City Council—The Women, Clergy, Press, to Aid in Work

Action toward assisting in the sending of aid to sufferers from the Halifax disaster, was taken by the board of trade at its regular meeting last night, when a strong deputation of ladies waited upon the gathering, promising the co-operation of the affiliated women's organizations of the city. The board passed a resolution of sympathy, and appointed a committee for the purpose of obtaining and forwarding relief and aid to the sufferers, the committee to wait upon the Mayor this morning with a view to securing a grant, preferably of \$5,000, from the city council. The women of the city have already thrown open the quarters of the Women's Patriotic League for receiving contributions, and are preparing a cartload of clothing and blankets for immediate shipment.

The Ministerial Association promised its support, and appeals will be delivered from the pulpits of the city churches on Sunday morning. A request was also made that a collection be taken up at the evening service in the tabernacle, for the benefit of the sufferers.

Mayor Sends Aid.

His Worship, Mayor Bowly has already sent the following telegram:—

Brantford, Dec. 7, 1917 To the Mayor, Halifax.

Accept my sympathy for the appalling catastrophe which has befallen your city. The sympathy of my people are with you. You need glass, beaver board, tar paper, putty, blankets. Please draw upon this city for the sum of five hundred dollars and I will be honored. I will try to send what blankets I can. J. W. BOWLBY, Mayor.

Routine.

Mr. E. P. Park reported that the city council had already taken action toward placing the boulevards of the city under the care of the Parks Board.

Logan Waterous, chairman, stated that the question of level crossings would be taken up by the Dominion Railway Commissioners at their next session in this district.

The L.O.D.E. of Port Dover, wrote thanking the board for their contributions to the Chapter on the occasion of the board's recent visit to the Port.

Belgian Relief.

The Belgian Relief Association wrote, expressing thanks for a donation of \$1,000, and stating that while wheat was no longer being sent to Belgium, the relief work was still being carried on. Mr. Hately reported that the 1917 Belgian pledges were being splendidly paid up, and that action would be required to secure the continuance of the work in 1918.

J. S. Hamilton wrote the board, urging action toward sending relief to Halifax, suggesting that the board urge the city council to make a grant, and that the board also inaugurate a public subscription campaign.

Opening Gun Fired.

Very Rev. Dean Brady took the initiative in subscribing to the cause of Halifax relief, offering a contribution of \$10. Another member of the board had promised \$100.

New Members.

The following new members were endorsed: R. A. Whyte, C. L. Gamble, Dr. C. H. Sander, A. T. Briggs, Wm. Givner, Rev. L. Brown, Geo. E. Ashton, W. B. Race, Geo. H. Ryerson.

Seamen's Fund.

Mr. C. Cook addressed the board in the interests of the Navy League, which was now making an appeal through the women's patriotic societies of the city. Upon his motion, a resolution was passed urging the City and County Councils to make generous contributions to the British Seamen's Fund, while appealing also to all citizens for subscriptions. Messrs. W. G. Raymond (convenor), C. H. Waterous, C. Cook and H. T. Watt were appointed a committee in the matter.

Aid to Halifax.

Asking co-operation in the work of forwarding a cartload of supplies to the sufferers at Halifax, representatives of the women's patriotic organizations of the city waited upon the board. President J. M. Waterous recalled the generous assistance of the ladies in the Italian Red Cross campaign, and appealed to his hearers for co-operation in return.

Help Halifax

An appeal is issued to the citizens of Brantford, in common with their fellow Canadians throughout the Dominion, for aid for the sufferers from the Halifax disaster, and a ready response is looked for by all who know the creditable record set by the Telephone City for generous giving in all patriotic causes. The fair city of Halifax, one of the gems in the crown of the Dominion, is the first city of Canada upon whom the poignant burden of the war has fallen so heavily. For Thursday's disaster, though not of enemy origin, is equally a direct outcome of the war. It is not fair that one city should be called upon to bear the burden, and if Brantford and all Canada rally at the call, relief will be forthcoming and no small part of the hardships of the sufferers will be alleviated. The appalling loss of life can never be atoned for, but the distress of those who still remain alive may be greatly mitigated. The Courier will accept subscriptions for relief of the Halifax sufferers, while contributions of clothing should be sent to the quarters of the Women's Patriotic League in the Y. M. C. A.

HALIFAX IN GRIP OF THE STORM KING

Blizzard Intensifies Hardship and Suffering of the Refugees.

Truro, N.S. Dec. 8.—Early to-day the storm which struck Halifax yesterday had increased in intensity. The wind was howling at a velocity of forty miles an hour. Snow was falling heavily and piling up in great banks. Relief workers struggled gallantly against blizzard and rain, then had to abandon temporarily their work of mercy.

To Send Further Aid

Boston, Dec. 8.—A mass meeting to consider further plans for the relief of Halifax, with Governor McCall presiding, was held in Faneuil Hall to-day. In addition to the two trains which already have left here with doctors, nurses and supplies, as many more relief workers will be sent as is thought to be necessary. Arrangements are being made for the shipment of large quantities of blankets, clothing and other articles.

A meeting to which admission will be charged, for the benefit of the relief fund, will be held in the Mechanics Building Sunday night under the joint auspices of the Red Cross and the American-British Federation.

The Inter-Colonial Club, an organization of Canadian-born residents of this state, has pledged \$1,000 for the fund. Many other societies are co-operating.

By Courier Leased Wire

Providence, R.I., Dec. 8.—A special train bearing 37 physicians and 50 nurses and a cartload of surgical supplies left here this morning for Halifax. The unit was made up entirely of volunteers and was sent by the Providence Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 8.—No time will be lost in sending succor to stricken Halifax from Vancouver, the city heading a civic list, with \$1,000, which is being supplemented hourly. The first money to be forwarded was sent by telegraph last night by The Daily Sun, which has opened a subscription list.

On board Massachusetts relief

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HIGHER PENSIONS FOR SOLDIERS ADVOCATED BY MR. COCKSHUTT

Endorsed Candidate of Union Government Was Heard by Large Gathering in Eagle Place Last Night—Halifax Disaster Must be Investigated

"If I am elected to Parliament in this constituency, I will exert my best efforts toward securing better pay and reinforcements for the boys at the front, and better pensions for them when they return, and will look after the interests of their dependants at home."

W. F. Cockshutt, the Union Government endorsed candidate in the riding of Brantford, so addressed a well attended meeting in the King Edward School, Eagle Place, last night.

Julius Waterous, whose two only sons are at the front, was also one of the speakers and he strongly urged support of Mr. Cockshutt and the Union Government. He appealed to his hearers to drop politics at this time when the winning of the war was essential to the future of Canada.

"I have never voted Conservative in my life," declared Mr. Waterous, "but I am going to vote for Mr. Cockshutt in this election, not for his politics, but for the winning of the war. I take a stand in this election that I never took before."

Other speakers were Mrs. S. W. Secord, president of the Equal Franchise Club, and Ald. S. Alfred Jones. J. Harvey Clement presided.

Mrs. S. W. Secord emphasized the crisis that was now confronting Canada, and addressing herself chiefly to the lady voters, appealed to them, in casting their first ballot, to do so with regard to the best interest of the country, the Empire and the boys overseas. This was a time when unity was essential to Canada, and the Union Government was the only solution of the difficulty. If the war were not won, Canada would be overrun with German hordes, and the fate of Belgium and Northern France would be experienced in this country. Mr. Cockshutt was the endorsed candidate of the Union government and the supporter of a win-the-war policy and of the boys overseas, and in casting their first ballot this should be remembered by the lady electors.

W. F. Cockshutt

For the first time the war had directly touched our land this week in the Halifax disaster, when that city had been levelled to the ground and thousands of lives lost, declared Mr. Cockshutt. It should be remembered, however, that hundreds of cities as large and larger than the eastern port had been demolished and de-

stroyed and millions of people were homeless and starving in the war zone of Europe, and unless the war was won, the same conditions might be expected in Canada.

"I hope," said Mr. Cockshutt, "that the causes of this catastrophe will be fully investigated. We all want to know how this happened."

A repetition of the disaster on a broader scale might be expected in Canada if the Huns were triumphant, and while the war seemed a long distance away, and Brantford was three thousand miles from the battle line, it would be much better to have the line remain in Europe than in Canada, as would be the case were our troops not reinforced. It would be much more desirable to send our men and contribute our money now than have both conscripted later, not to fight Germany, but to fight her foes.

Kith and Kin

Referring to the ladies who will vote in this election for the first time, the speaker said:

"I feel that the women of the Kith and Kin have it in their hearts to support their boys at the front."

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THE RECORD OF THE UNION GOVERNMENT

They abolished patronage in appointments to Government positions, in the purchase of supplies and in awarding of Government contracts.

Patronage was the Worst Evil in Politics

They controlled the packing houses by ordering that they must not charge a profit of more than two per cent. on their sales—that is to say only two cents profit on a dollar. They passed an order providing that the flour millers can make a profit of only 25c. on each barrel of flour. They stopped the use of grain in the manufacture of liquor.

They stopped expenditures on almost all Public works with the object of conserving our finances for the war. They greatly extended the powers of the Food Controller, giving him practically unlimited authority.

They increased the separation allowance to wives and other dependents of soldiers under the rank of Sergeant from \$20 to \$25 a month.

They are standing no nonsense from the Quebec Exemption Tribunals who tried to make a farce of the thing. Thousands of appeals from these Tribunals have been taken by the Government representatives and will be tried promptly. The Government are seeing to it that Quebec does not escape its duty.

They have been in office only eight weeks and have been hampered through having to run an election forced upon the Country by Laurier.

Are YOU Going to Vote WITH the Brave Boys at the Front, or Will You Vote AGAINST Them?